Setting up of NIFT and IIHT in Tamil Nadu

3108. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open National Institute of Fashion Technology and Indian Institute of Handloom Technology in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the places where these institutions are proposed to be set up and the time by which they are likely to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) A NIFT Center is already functioning in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. At present, attention is being paid for consolidation of existing Centres rather than setting up of new NIFT Centre or IIHT Centre.

Schemes for Integrated Textile Parks in Madhya Pradesh

†3109. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes of Ministry of Textile for Madhya Pradesh under 'Schemes for Integrated Textile Parks'; and

(b) progress of these schemes in the State during last three years alongwith the programmes for ensuing three years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government has launched the 'Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) by merging the 'Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme (APES)' and 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS)'. This scheme is based on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and would facilitate textile units to meet international environmental and social standards. The scheme envisages development of 25 Integrated Textile Parks during 2005-06 & 2006-07.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

So far no project in Madhya Pradesh has been sanctioned under the SITP. However, one project each under the erstwhile APES and TCIDS has been sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh.

Decline in Hindus population in North-East

†3110. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population of Hindus is constantly on the decline due to conversion and other reasons in North-Eastern States for the last many decades;

(b) if so, the figures of census of 1991 and 2001; and

(c) if not, targets of Government in this regard and the steps being taken by government to know the realities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Pupulation of Hindus have not declined in six out of eight States of the North Eastern Region according to the census figures of 1991 and 2001 shown below:

Name of the State	Census 1991	Census 2001
Sikkim	277,881	329,548
Arunachal Pradesh	320,212	379,935
Nagaland	122,473	153,162
Manipur	1,059,470	996,894
Mizoram	34,788	31,562
Tripura	2,384,934	2,739,310
Meghalaya	260,306	307,822
Assam	15,047,293	17,296,455

Note: The census 2001 population figures for Manipur exclude those of Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.

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